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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING  
OPTIONAL CUSTOMER ELECTION OF  
AUXILIARY CONTENT PROVIDED ON  
DETACHABLE LOCAL STORAGE MEDIA  
DURING ACCESS OF PRIMARY CONTENT  
OVER A NETWORK AND FOR  
COLLECTING DATA CONCERNING  
VIEWED AUXILIARY CONTENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the appropriate location on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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